

REMARKS

A. Status of Claims

Claims 1-4, 7-11, 13-15, 20, and 25 are pending.

B. Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Mailed May 10, 2004

A Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was mailed to the Office on May 10, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the Statement and make references listed therein of record in the present application.

C. Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

The listing of claims submitted in response to the Office Action mailed May 25, 2004 incorrectly provided an identifier "previously amended" instead of the proper identifier "previously presented."

Response

The claim listing has been corrected and is presented herein using the correct identifier "previously presented."

According to 37 CFR 1.121(h), only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted in its entirety.

Applicants respectfully request that this Notice of Non-Compliance be removed.

D. Conclusion

It is believed that all matters of the Office Action mailed May 25, 2004 and of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment have been addressed. Reconsideration and an early indication of the allowability of the claims are earnestly requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions that would expedite the prosecution of the present case to allowance, Applicants' undersigned representative earnestly requests a telephone conference at (512) 867-8528.

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